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**Via ECF**

The Honorable Joseph F. Bianco  
United States Circuit Judge  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
1040 Federal Plaza  
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: United States v. Kenner, 13-CR-607

Dear Judge Bianco,

This office has been appointed as standby counsel to assist Phillip Kenner in his capacity as a *pro se* litigant. Mr. Kenner is currently scheduled to appear before Your Honor on December 21<sup>st</sup> for a determination with respect to his restitution obligations.

The Government recently informed me that, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the attendant MDC lockdown, they are unable to produce Mr. Kenner for a video conference on that date. The Government further indicated that they could produce Mr. Kenner by telephone if he was willing to consent to such procedure. Alternatively, the Government suggested that the proceeding could be adjourned.

I was able to speak with Mr. Kenner today *via* a legal call. He informed me that, due to the MDC lockdown, he has been unable to access his material or prepare for the upcoming appearance. As a result, Mr. Kenner does not wish to proceed by telephone on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and is asking for a continuance until mid-January, by which time the lockdown will hopefully have been lifted. The undersigned counsel is available at any time on January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 21<sup>st</sup> or January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Matthew W. Brissenden

cc: All Counsel (via ECF)  
Phillip Kenner

*Request granted. The  
proceeding regarding restitution  
is adjourned to January 22, 2021,  
at 12:00 p.m.,  
by videoconferencing.*

**RECORDED**  
- /s/ Joseph F. Bianco  
Joseph F. Bianco, USCA  
Sitting by designation.

Date: Dec. 18 2020

Central Islip, N.Y.